

Haila!

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My name is Matt. I am an Odinist and have been one for about 2 years now. I have been incarcerated since I was 15 years old and I am now 23. I am fully committed to the Esir and Vanir. In fact, I am marked of Einherjar. I try to adhere to the Nine Noble Virtues as much as possible. Sometimes I slip, but Thor has given me the strength to get back up and persevere.

From 13-15 I was in a christian-run residential facility in Missouri called Heartland. While there I was systematically tortured in the name of christ in an attempt to convert me to christianity. Although I did not yet know the Gods and Goddesses they must have cast an Elhaz Rune upon me, for I never did convert. You can read about this by Googling People Magazine / October 23, 2006 / School of Fast Resort.

Well, that's enough about me for now. Allow me to explain why I have contacted you.

The Illinois Department of Corrections does not currently allow Runes into its facilities. As you know, Runes are vital to the practice of Odinism / Asatru. Furthermore, my current facility does not allow Odinist / Asatru religious services at this time, nor does it give us Park on our Holy days. Therefore, I am currently unable to practice the Runes, Sumble, Blot or Feast in honor of the Gods and Goddesses. I am

challenging this, and that is where you come in.

I have been informed by the facility Chaplain that if an Odinist/Asatru would be willing to come in as a volunteer and lead Odinist/Asatru religious services the facility would allow such services to transpire. Would you be willing to volunteer? This facility is near Quincy and Jacksonville, Illinois.

If you are willing/able to volunteer there are a few things that I will need for you to do:

- 1.) Send me a type-written letter stating your willingness to volunteer and lead Odinist/Asatru religious services at my facility (please specify how often you would be willing to do so);
- 2.) Call my facility at (217) 773-4441 and inform the Chaplain of your willingness to volunteer and lead Odinist/Asatru religious services; and
- 3.) Send me another type-written letter documenting the date and time that you spoke to the Chaplain and what his response was (in case he tries to deny having spoken to you).

If you are unable to volunteer please send me a letter stating that. If volunteers cannot be found the facility will allow inmate-led services.

Whether you are able to volunteer or not I need you to write an Affidavit stating the importance of the

Runes and consuming Pork on our Holy days. Please list the stanzas from The Edda that support your claims (i.e. Hávamál, St. 142 and 144; and Grimnismál, St. 18).

When you write the Affidavit put the word "Affidavit" at the top as a title. Then, start it off by saying, "I, (your name), swear under penalty of Perjury that the following is true:" Then write about the Runes and Pork.

Once you have written the Affidavit go to the courthouse and ask for a Notary Republic. Sign the Affidavit in front of him/her and he/she will Notarize it (make it "official"). Then send it to me.

I understand that this may seem like a lot to ask, but keep in mind that I am fighting to practice our Faith. Your assistance in that battle would be very helpful, and it would be greatly appreciated.

There isn't a lot that I can do for you from inside prison. However, I am willing to help you in any way that I can (Hávamál, St. 42). I am a trained Paralegal. I obtained my Diploma - with a 96.77% grade average - from Blackstone Career Institute. I've focused on civil law but I am (obviously) familiar with criminal law as well. Perhaps that knowledge can aid you now or in the future.

Well, I will close here. I look forward to hearing back from you. Thank you for your time and consideration. May the Norns grant thee a blessed fate.

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